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FOR NEA THERTON FROM BYROADE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PK, US
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH BHUTTO

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING YOUR VISIT HERE I WAS CHARGED TO SEE BHUTTO ON A FOLLOW-UP MATTER OF INTEREST TO THE SECRETARY. BECUASE OF BHUTTO'S TOUR OF THE FLOOD AREAS AND AN UNACCUSTOMED SNAFU IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MY REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT DID NOT REACH HIM UNTIL AUGUST 21.

2. DURING HIS RECEPTION FOR DAOUD THAT EVENING, BHUTTO DREW ME ASIDE AND APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING SEEN ME EARLIER. WE AGREED WE WOULD MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DAOUD'S VISIT WHICH ENDS AUGUST 24. I DID HAVE TIME, HOWEVER, TO GIVE BHUTTO THE SECRETARY'S MAIN IMPRESSION OF HIS VISIT TO KABUL. HE WAS VERY GRATEFUL, SAYING HE SENSED SOMEWHAT THE SAME CHANGE AND THAT THE FIRST TALKS BETWEEN THEM HAD GONE QUITE WELL.

3. NEW SUBJECT: AS YOU KNOW, YAQUB KHAN WAS SUMMONED HERE BY BHUTTO AFTER THE SECRETARY LEFT. I HAD A LONG TALK WITH HIM UPONHIS ARRIVAL HERE AND FIND HIS CONCERNS GENERALLY PARALLEL TO OUR OWN. HE THEN WENT OFF TO PESHAWAR FOR A MEETING WITH BHUTTO AND DIRECT FROM THERE TO KARACHI. HE SHOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON
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ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24. I WILL OF COURSE FIND OUT MORE

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FROM BHUTTO SOON, BUT AM UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YAQUB WILL BE SEEKING AN EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY CONCERNING HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM BHUTTO. IT WOULD BE GOOD IF ANY REQUEST FROM HIM TO SEE THE SECRETARY COULD BE GRANTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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